

# LIST Promises Housecleaning in Scandals; Backs McGrath



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## Yanks Down 13 MIGs

**BULLETINS**  
**RECALL**  
CAIRO, (AP)—Egypt announced tonight the recall of her ambassador to London because of "British aggression" in the Suez canal zone.

**ABOLITION**  
WASHINGTON, (AP)—Ten college presidents studying what's wrong with sports decided unanimously today that post-season football bowl games should be abolished.



**JIMMY GETS HIS MAN**—Jimmy Jones (right), 8, knew just what to do when a man wearing a green scarf forced his parents to drive to the super-mart which Jimmy's dad manages in La Canada, Calif. Jimmy feigned sleep, then phoned the sheriff's office. Deputies were waiting when they arrived and wounded James Monroe Rudolph (left), 34, Placerville, in the legs, back and neck when he tried to flee. He is suspected of being the "green scarf bandit" in other holdups in Reno, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Sacramento and other cities.

## Texas Ace Bags 12th Red Plane

SEOUL, Korea, (AP)—American jet pilots won history's biggest all jet victory today. They bagged 13 Communist MIG's, probably knocked down two others and damaged one in two slashing air battles over North Korea.

Four of the MIGs went down before the blazing guns of America's hottest jet ace, Maj. George A. Davis Jr., Lubbock, Tex. In 16 days Davis has bagged 12 planes, including nine MIGs.

On the ground, a series of minor battles flared today as Allied infantrymen carried the war to the Reds for the second time in 24 hours.

**NO LOSSES**  
The fifth air force said none of the Sabre jets was shot down, but one ran out of fuel, caught fire and crashed. A helicopter rescued the pilot.

Heavily outnumbered Sabres knocked down four MIGs and damaged one in a morning battle over Sinauju in Northwest Korea.

Nine more MIGs were destroyed in the afternoon. Pilots reported two probable.

Sixty-four Sabres were matched against 145 MIGs in the two battles.

Davis bagged two planes in each fight.

**IN THE MIDDLE**  
"Yeah, we went up twice today," he said. "We were just north of the Sinauju river when we saw a flight of about 50 MIGs. I just led my 12 planes into the middle of them."

That was the second time Davis has bagged four enemy planes in a single day. On December 5 he shot down three Communist TU-2 bombers and a MIG. His first two jets were destroyed November 23. He added two more December 5.

## President Plans 'Drastic Action' To Curb Crooks

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Pres. Truman today promised what he called continued drastic action to clean house in the government.

He indicated he will set up a special agency to fight corruption, possibly tomorrow or Saturday.

Allowing himself to be quoted directly at one point on the scandals in the tax collecting and some other agencies, Mr. Truman told a news conference:

"Wrongdoers have no house (sic) with me no matter who they are or how big they are."

In response to questions, the President said he has no plans to fire Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath or Democratic National Chairman Frank McKinney.

**GOP DEMANDS**  
Several Republican members of congress have demanded the dismissal of McGrath as a result of disclosures in the house investigations of tax scandal.

Chairman King (D-Calif.) of the house group has publicly said he believes T. Lamar Caudle, assistant attorney general in charge of the tax division, was unfaithful to his public trust.

Mr. Truman fired Caudle last month.

McKinney has come under fire because of the disclosure that he made a \$68,000 profit on a \$1000 investment in a tractor firm headed by a man whose wartime government ordnance contracts were sharply criticized by Mr. Truman, then a senator.

**BIG CROWD**  
Mr. Truman's news conference, always well-attended, drew an even heavier crowd today. Scores of reporters who anticipated he might announce some dramatic action in connection with the newest disclosures.

When the subject came up, the president declared "what is the emphasis that his administration always has set itself to eliminate wrongdoers from its ranks and will continue to do so."

He said his administration did exactly this through its loyalty boards, in the case of Communists who were found to be working for the government.

These were brought to trial and convictions were obtained by the attorney general, just as they should have been, despite a great deal of ballyhoo to the contrary, the president said.

**EARLY ACTION**  
He declared that the public officials recently fired—including Caudle—all were being investigated by the executive branch of the government before their names turned up in congressional investigations.

He said the administration was wise to Caudle, who has been accused of taking favors from persons involved in tax difficulties with the government, long before such charges were made by the house ways and means subcommittee investigating the tax scandals.

Caudle's resignation would have been asked even without the committee's intervention, the President added.



**SPITES RELATIVES**—Mrs. Thelma Snyder, (above), a Long Beach housewife testified in court that she had deliberately gambled away \$15,000 at the gaming tables in Las Vegas, Nev. She is accused of converting to her own use most of the \$16,500 from the estate of an aunt. She testified she deliberately lost the money so there would not be any for her relatives to fight over.

## Man May Get Warm in Jail

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)—An alarm summoned firemen to downtown Scranton. There they found Edward Humphrey, 40, leaning unsteadily against the box.

"Why did you sound the alarm?" Deputy Fire Chief Martin Lahey asked.

"I was cold and wanted to get into a place nice and warm," Lahey said Humphrey replied.

Lahey suggested that Humphrey should have gone into the taproom on the nearby corner.

"I'll have you understand," Humphrey answered, "that I never enter such places."

Today Humphrey was charged with intoxication and ringing a false fire alarm.



**9 O'clock Special**  
A DATE with the dentist today brought Janice K. Brown, 6, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Brown, downtown this morning. They live at 5600 Harlan Drive. Janice has a tooth to be filled.



**NOBODY IN HIS (OR HER)** right mind runs around in weather like this in clothing like this, not even on a college campus. But the photographer thought it would make a good picture so he drove Frances Nixon, Oregon Tech commercial art student from Rogue River, (standing) and Phyllis Hoyez, medical-dental, Lakeview, out into the snow with a commandeered sled.

## Water Tank Collapses, Four Killed

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
Washington: President Truman promised (at his news conference this morning) what he called **CONTINUED DRASTIC ACTION** to clean house in the government. Allowing himself to be quoted directly at one point on the scandals in the tax collecting and some other agencies, he said:

"Wrongdoers have no house with me, no matter who they are or how big they are."

When the subject came up, the President declared with firm emphasis that his administration **ALWAYS HAS ACTED SWIFTLY TO ELIMINATE WRONGDOERS** from its ranks and will continue to do so.

He went on to say he has been a firm fighter for clean government ever since his first election to public office in 1922.

He said the administration was wise to Caudle, who has been accused of taking favors from persons involved in tax difficulties with the government, **LONG BEFORE** such charges were made by the house ways and means subcommittee investigating the tax scandals.

Caudle's resignation would have been asked even without the committee's intervention, the President added.

With an apparent air of confidence, the President says he does not expect the recent wave of scandal to be an issue in the 1952 presidential campaign.

The President made it plain that whatever he is doing he is doing **ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE** and at a time of **HIS OWN CHOOSING**.

He said, with reference to the clean-up program, that **HE CAN'T BE PUSHED INTO DOING ANYTHING BY ANYBODY**.

What do you make of it?  
Personally, I'd say that away back in the early 1800's a Frenchman by the name of Francois Rabelais put it about as well as it can be put when he wrote these biting and cynical lines:

"The Devil was sick,—the Devil a monk would be."  
"The Devil was well,—the Devil a monk was he."

For a moment, at least, our Harry is worried. He cut his carefree, sport shirt vacation on the warm Florida beaches a week ago and dashed back to Washington.

Why?

These milk coat and sucker money scandals are beginning to **BITE**. The boys are beginning to say to him: "See here, chief, this is reaching the point where it ain't funny no more. The yokels are beginning to listen to this talk about corruption in high places. They might get it stirred up and **THROW US OUT NEXT YEAR**."

"It's reaching the point where something has to be done about it, and it's up to YOU to do it."

It could be serious, too, quite serious.

We the people have been saps for a long long time. In the past couple of decades we've swallowed a fabulous amount of demagoguery and bunk because—

1. We had lost all faith in the Republicans, who had **HELD TOO MUCH POWER TOO LONG**, and had made a mess of things.

2. In the early years of the New Deal, even those of us who disagreed with the New Dealers' economic and social theories never doubted the **PERSONAL HONESTY** of the New Dealers themselves.

**BUT**—These things that have been happening in Washington are causing us to begin to doubt. We're finding all this milk coat and hush money business hard to reconcile with **INTEGRITY** in the upper echelons of our government.

If we continue to believe that, (Continued on Page 8)

**TUCUMCARI, N. M., (AP)—A** 250,000-gallon water tank collapsed before dawn, killed four persons and caused damage estimated in millions here today.

Giving way with a deep rumble, the tank loosed a flood through the business district about 4:10 a.m. The cause was not determined.

**DEVASTATION**  
Tucumcari was hit by a deep spread devastation over an area three blocks wide and, in a lessening degree as the distance grew, a quarter mile long. The scene was likened to one hit by a bomb.

Two business places, the city warehouse and about 15 homes, mostly of adobe, were laid waste. Another establishment, a motor firm, was damaged by water. Pieces of three-eighths-inch thick steel from the tank were scattered over city blocks.

Rescuers, including quickly mobilized national guardsmen, recovered four bodies and there were no reports of any persons missing. The last to be found, a boy 3 or 4 years old, was under a 250-foot section of the tank.

**VICTIMS**  
Deaf Elliott, about 60; a Mrs. San Miguel and her small son; and Steve Gallegos, about 14.

Damage was centered in a section containing homes of Spanish-American families and some business houses.

## Get-Together Dinner Slated

A get-acquainted dinner honoring new Chilcoquin industries is scheduled for the Bronco room at Old Fort Tavern, Port Klamath, tomorrow, 7:30 p.m.

The dinner, arranged by Chilcoquin Mayor William Lorenz, is to honor Tulana Farms' Williamson river operation, the Jack Kellum sawmill and Chilcoquin Forest Products, Inc. Owners of the latter firm are from Albany and Lebanon for the dinner.

The Klamath chamber of commerce is to be represented by a large delegation.

Besides the mayor, Chilcoquin is to be represented by the city council, school board and others.

## Blonde Named 'Rose' Queen

**PASADENA, (AP)—**The queen of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses January 1 will be blonde, blue-eyed Nancy True Thorne. Her selection was announced today.

She's 17 years old, a junior at Pasadena City college.

The 43rd queen of the tournament was chosen from among 3000 students. Nancy has a B-plus average, majors in mathematics, plans to enroll in Stanford to study architecture.

Her measurements: five feet, six inches; 124 pounds, bust 34, waist 25 hips 35.

She's a strictly an outdoor girl and an excellent sailor. She owns a yacht which she pilots on Balboa bay, likes to ski, swim and play badminton. She admits she also likes to duck as many household chores as possible.

Although born in Pasadena, Nancy never has seen a rose bowl football game. She gets in free to this one between Stanford and the University of Illinois, after presiding over a tournament parade that may attract as many as 2,000,000 persons.

## Dragnet Fails To Trap Ross

**BALTIMORE, (AP)—**George F. Ross, 27-year-old accused police killer, burglar and dope addict, apparently had flown the coop today, evading the most intense manhunt in Maryland history.

FBI agents and state police officials said they were satisfied the dapper, little scar-faced hoodlum had left the area.

How he got out or where he went was anybody's guess.

A posse of 100 FBI men and 50 state troopers failed to flush him from the suburban countryside around Elliott City where the search began late Monday night when Ross fired on two county officers who surprised him sleeping in a car stolen in Ohio.

The only thing police were certain of was that Ross, wanted for slaying of Cleveland Traffic Patrolman Forney L. Haas last Saturday, had been in the area. His fingerprints were found on a flash light discovered in the woods Tuesday morning.

## Weather

**FORECAST**—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Fair today through Friday with morning fog. High today 32. Low tonight 16. High Friday 32. Low last night 26. High yesterday 27. Precip last 24 hours 0.6. Since October 1 5.75. Normal for period 5.51. Same period last year 7.62. (Additional Weather on Page 8)

## Bread and Water Makes Hot Stew

**By HALE SCARBROUGH**  
Angry citizens seemed to be warming up the tar and gathering the feathers for Police Judge Bob Elder today, because he sentenced a Mexican to 10 days confinement on a bread and water diet yesterday.

The Mexican in question, 44-year-old Francisco Montanez, pleaded guilty to vagrancy.

He was jailed Tuesday night after he was found loitering in the city hall washroom on the ground floor where considerable work is going on. Montanez said he went into city hall looking for the men's room, but police and Judge Elder figured that wasn't his entire idea, since Montanez has a record of petty theft and the like.

**OLD TANK**  
He spent Monday night sleeping in the old jail drunk tank but wasn't jailed for that.

Montanez reportedly has been in Klamath Falls about five months, and in that time has been in jail six times on drunk and vagrancy charges. A theft in which he admittedly was involved last September was not prosecuted.

Elder said twice he had released Montanez from jail to go to work, but he didn't stay with it. Once he was "floated"—ordered to leave town—but didn't.

**STRONG HINT**  
The bread and water sentence, Elder said, was to try to impress Montanez that he should quit Klamath Falls before he gets to be a "regular" at the jailhouse, like some others.

He isn't the only man on bread and water. Carl Johnson, 51, also serving 10 days, has been in the city lockup more than 300 times. Judge Elder said, over the years, and Eugene Weeks, 58, an Indian, has been in 152 times. He's also serving 10 days currently.

A bread and water diet at the jailhouse is just that, except that a full meal is served every third day.

Elder said his object primarily is to persuade against using the Klamath Falls jail as a winter home. Food bills, he said, cost the taxpayers around \$800-900 a month now.

## Photogs Hide Waiting Man

**WASHINGTON, (AP)—**Press photographers chided the grey, shag-haired man as they all waited for a planeload of high-ranking government officials.

"We're missing the Ezzard Charles-Joe Maxim fight broadcast," the photographers said.

The man adjusted his spectacles, looked at his watch and grinned: "I'm missing Margaret's broadcast."

Then Pres. Truman went to greet the officials. State Secy. Acheson and Treasury Secy. Snyder, who came home from European conference last night.

The photographers got their pictures, Charles won the heavyweight fight and Miss Truman gave another of her soprano performances.

## Airliner Lost In Ground Fog

**LONDON, (AP)—**Ground crewmen at London airport had to grope through pea soup fog for two hours last night before they could find a big Air France plane landed from Paris with 39 passengers.

Within seconds after the French plane landed, swirling mist cut visibility to 15 yards and the pilot was ordered to keep his ship on the taxi-way.

For the next two hours five search parties in coaches, tractors and a fire truck equipped with a two-way radio, hunted for the plane.

Finally the fire truck driver, using the radio, found the craft and guided the coaches to the passengers.

The rescued travelers had to wait several more hours for their baggage—the luggage trucks also got lost.

But the long delay wasn't too bad. One passenger, returning from her Paris honeymoon, explained: "We drank champagne and played cards."

## Late Shopping Hours Friday

Practically all of the downtown Klamath Falls retail stores will be open Friday night until 9 o'clock to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

The stores will also remain open Friday, December 21, until that hour.

## Iranians Roar For Premier

**TEHRAN, Iran, (AP)—**Some 30,000 nationalist supporters of Premier Premier Mohammed Mossadegh massed before parliament today and roared "death to the enemies of Mossadegh!" The crowd appeared menacing, but broke up later without violence.

Inside the parliament building, the majlis (lower house) directly decided to postpone until Sunday a public meeting originally scheduled for today instead they met in secret session.

Watchful police and troops lined the huge majlis square during the rally, announced as a demonstration against "British intrigue."

However, most of the threats and vilification were directed at Iranian opponents of the aged premier who led the successful fight to nationalize Iran's British-controlled oil industry.

More than a score of trucks, filled with troops bearing rifles and machine guns, blocked the main gates to the majlis.

## Weather Bad For Skaters

Weather and the elements just don't seem to be able to get together, and consequently Klamath youngsters haven't been able to do their ice skates at the Moore park rink yet.

City Recreation Director Bob Bonney reported today "It's a slow process. It freezes during the night, then warms up during the day. We're making headway, slowly but surely, though."

Bonney did not say when the rink would be ready, however.

In order to maintain a good skating surface, the freezing process must be carried out thoroughly. Earlier, heavy snows had to be removed from the rink.

## Morse Wants More Planes

**LOS ANGELES, (AP)—**When congress reconvenes Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore) will fight for a 150-group air force.

An air force of that size is "vital to the defense of America against Russian attack," he told the Central Labor Council here yesterday.

"Back in 1947 I supported a 70-group air force, but this was whittled down to 48 in the interest of economy. I call it false economy," he said.

**SHOOTING HOURS**

December 14

Open 8:58 a.m. Close 3:35 p.m.